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Inventor: Douglas Cheline, et al.

Serial No.: 09/940,141

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: SINGLE-MODEM MULTI-USER VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Final Rejection dated March 13, 2006

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Docket No. PD-201118IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas A. Cheline, et al. : Date: May 9, 2006
 Serial No.: 09/940,141 : Group Art Unit: 2144
 Filed: August 23, 2001 :
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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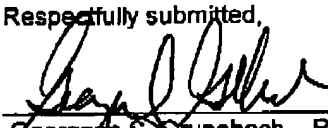
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.
- ☒ The claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED										ADDITIONAL
CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER		PRESENT		RATE		FEE		
AFTER AMENDMENT		PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA						
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	minus	23*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$ -0-		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4*	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						x	\$ 360.00	\$ -0-		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:									\$ -0-	

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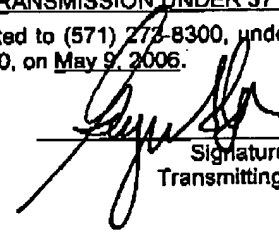
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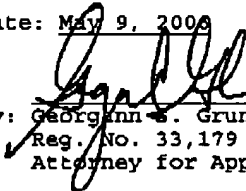
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Applicants provide the following remarks: